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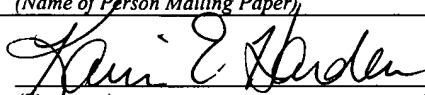
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METHODS OF USING SAME TO MODULATE CELL GROWTH

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, and responsive to both the Advisory Action mailed January 27, 2005 and the Final Office Action mailed August 5, 2004, entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, April 5, 2005, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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